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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER NOW PLANS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK
DECEMBER 11 TO USE EXTRA TIME TO IMPROVE RELATIONS;
COMPLAINS ABOUT NON-MOVEMENT BY USG TO NORMALIZE SITUATION
AND INDICATED PRESENT USG COURSE OF CONDUCT THREATENS TO
ISOLATE HIM IN GOVERNMENT. HE ADMITS CUBAN EXILES NOT
USG DESTABILIZING GUYANA. WILLS INDICATED BURNHAM SPEECH
OF THE 14TH WILL BE PRIMARILY ECONOMIC AND WILL ALSO COVER
CONDUCT OF GUYANESE FOREIGN RELATIONS DURING PAST YEAR.
END SUMMARY.

1. IN RAMBLING TELEPHONE CALL FROM FOREIGN MINISTER
WILLS TO CHARGE, WILLS COVERED A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS
INCLUDING HIS PLANNED TRIP TO U.S. AND NIGERIA IN
WHICH HE PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK DECEMBER 11-14.
IN ADDITION TO SCHEDULED VISIT TO NIGERIA, HE
INDICATED HE MAY VISIT LIBYA AND GREAT BRITAIN.
DETAILS OF ITINERARY ARE BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS. WILLS SAID HE
PLANNED TO GO TO NEW YORK ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11,
AND HAD REQUESTED HIS CHARGE, HALDER, TO MEET HIM
IN NEW YORK SINCE HE CANNOT GO TO WASHINGTON.

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THINGS ALONG SINCE HE BELIEVES THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR REASONS HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HAS NOT RESPONDED TO HIS EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS. HE BELIEVES THAT: (A) WE ARE WAITING UNTIL AFTER THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH OF THE 14TH TO DECIDE ON WHETHER TO MAKE A MOVE, OR (B) SINCE HE HAS ALREADY MADE SOME EFFORTS TO RELIEVE TENSION, USG BY STANDING FAST IS PRESSURING HIM TO GO FURTHER. HE RECOGNIZED THAT WE HAD ACKNOWLEDGED GUYANESE VOTES AT UNESCO GC AS FAVORABLE SIGN BUT AT THE SAME TIME U.S. WAS UNHAPPY WITH GUYANA BECAUSE OF THEIR POSITION ON GUAM. HE BELIEVED IT WAS NOW TIME FOR SOME PLAIN TALK. HE WANTED WASHINGTON TO KNOW THAT HE IS GETTING DISCOURAGED SINCE HIS EFFORTS HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED AND THAT THE PRESENT USG COURSE OF CONDUCT THREATENS TO ISOLATE HIM WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT. WILLS CONTINUED THAT HE WOULD NOT LET THIS HAPPEN SINCE HE HAS NO WISH TO LOSE HIS INFLUENCE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. HE RECOGNIZES THAT U.S. AND GUYANA HAVE BASICALLY NOTHING IN COMMON EXCEPT PEACE IN THE HEMISPHERE. NEVERTHELESS HE IS DISTRESSED AT THE STATE OF THINGS AND IS VERY CONCERNED THAT IF THERE IS NO THAW BEFORE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TAKES OVER IN WASHINGTON, IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PUT THINGS BACK ON AN EVEN KEEL.

3. CHARGE REPLIED TO ALL OF THIS BY STATING THAT HE, OF COURSE, COULD NOT COMMENT ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS BUT THAT IT IS VERY OBVIOUS THAT GUYANESE CHARGES AND INSINUATIONS THAT U.S. IS DESTABILIZING THEM DOES NOT HELP MATTERS. FURTHER THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER KNOWS FULL WELL THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOT DESTABILIZING GUYANA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT IT IS THE CUBAN EXILES WHO ARE DESTABLIZING GUYANA AND THAT THEY RECEIVE SUPPORT IN THEIR EFFORTS FROM THE CUBAN

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COMMUNITY IN MIAMI. CHARGE SAID THAT IF WILLS BELIEVES SUCH, THEN WHY DOESN'T HE AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS SAY SO PUBLICLY. RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND SPEECHES BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HERE SIMPLY MENTION DESTABILIZATION AND ALLUDE TO A "CERTAIN MAJOR POWER IN THE AREA." WE CONSTRUE THIS TO MEAN THE UNITED STATES. WILLS AT THIS POINT SEEMED A LITTLE

PEEVED AND MENTIONED THAT HE DID NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY LIKE A SCHOOL BOY TO STATE " THE CUBAN EXILES ARE DESTABLIZING US, NOT THE UNITED STATES." CHARGE REPLIED HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND FOREIGN MINISTER'S THINKING ON THIS SINCE SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD CERTAINLY PUT ENTIRE QUESTION IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE.

4. CUBAN EXILES. WILLS THEN SAID THAT GOG NOW KNOWS THERE IS LINKAGE BETWEEN CUBAN EXILES, THE PINOCHET AND PEREZ GOVERNMENTS OF CHILE AND VENEZUELA, AND THE MIAMI CUBAN COMMUNITY. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON HE WELCOMED FEDERAL GRAND JURY THAT IS LOOKING INTO THE MATTER IN MIAMI. CHARGE SAID THIS IS NOTHING NEW, THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVESTIGATING CUBAN EXILE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND IT IS FOR THAT REASON THEY REMOVED THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. WILLS AGREED AND GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF GOV COLLUSION WITH CUBAN EXILES. GOG DIPLOMATIC POUCHES TRANSITING VENEZUELA TO BRAZIL HAVE BEEN OPENED AND IN SOME CASES STOLEN. WHEN CHARGE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT STATEMENT, WILLS SAID THAT FOUR DIPLOMATIC POUCHES HAVE DISAPPEARED IN CARACAS AND THREE SHOWED DEFINITE SIGNS OF HAVING BEEN OPENED WHILE TRANSITING CARACAS TO AND FROM BRAZIL. WILLS THEN SAID, HOWEVER, THAT GOG MUST BE CAREFUL IN ITS RELATIONS WITH GOV BECAUSE OF VENEZUELAN CLAIMS TO GUYANESE TERRITORY.

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5. CHARGE THEN ASKED IF FOREIGN MINISTER COULD GIVE HIM SOME IDEA OF THRUST OF PM'S SPEECH ON 14TH. WILLS REPLIED THAT HE IS TRYING TO RESTRAIN THE PRIME MINISTER. BURNHAM REALIZES HE IS IN TROUBLE WITH THE WEST AND THAT THE EAST IS CONSTANTLY MAKING OVERTURES FOR INCREASED INFLUENCE IN GUYANA. HOWEVER, THE PRIME MINISTER IS AWARE HE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL HOW HE DEALS WITH THE EAST BECAUSE HE MUST BE CONCERNED ABOUT JAGAN. BASICALLY HIS PROBLEM IS HOW TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH THE EAST IN CASE HE NEEDS THEM AND AT THE SAME TIME NOT WAKE UP TO FIND HIMSELF ONE DAY A SOVIET SATELLITE. IN SHORT, HE MUST KEEP HIS LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN WITH THE WEST WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DEALING WITH THE EAST. IN OTHER WORDS, HOW TO STAY NON-ALIGNED.

6. WILLS CONTINUED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH WILL REVIEW CONDUCT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DURING PAST YEAR. U.S. WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE MENTIONED AS DESTABILIZING GUYANA BECAUSE GOG ALLOWED CUBANS TO TRANSIT GEORGETOWN ENROUTE TO ANGOLA. HE WILL REFER TO THE CUBANA
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AIRLINES CRASH BUT PROBABLY NOT MENTION THE U.S. HE WILL INDICATE THAT HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH INCOMING CARTER ADMINISTRATION. HE WILL CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC STATE OF COUNTRY AND GO INTO SOME DETAIL OF SITUATION LOCALLY.

7. COMMENT: DRAWING ON REFTEL, CHARGE DID NOT MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK. ON OTHER SUBJECTS RAISED, CHARGE IS CONSTANTLY SURPRISED THAT WILLS DOES NOT APPEAR TO SEE THE INCONSISTENCIES OF PRESENT SITUATION, I.E., WHILE HE MAKES FRIENDLY OVERTURES, OTHER SENIOR GOG OFFICIALS TAKE OPPOSITE TONE. CHARGE IS CONVINCED WILLS BELIEVES WHAT HE SAYS BUT AGAIN IT APPEARS THAT GUYANESE SEEM TO PLACE

MUCH MORE EMPHASIS ON FORM RATHER THAN ON
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